Executive Board members for the 2014-2015 term were as follows:

Charlotte Thomas, President
Nancy Scibelli Bouthilet, First Vice President/President-Elect
Kathy Dunagin, Second Vice President/Newsletter Editor
Liz Petty, Treasurer
Karen Dibble, Secretary
Candace Cathey, Immediate Past President.

August 2014

DALL enjoyed another successful membership year for the 2014 – 2015. DALL continued its long tradition of providing professional development, networking and opportunities for community service to its members. A major focus this year was to provide stimulating educational programs, encourage member participation, and community outreach. DALL kicked off the year with recaps of AALL programs from the annual conference. DALL members who were unable to attend AALL were provided with three presentations from members who attended. Next we hosted a Happy Hour Membership Mixer to encourage current members to renew their memberships, and encourage new membership.

Several programs this year were especially notable. In September we had a presentation from the Legal Aid of North Texas (LANWT). Lynn Cromartie a supervising attorney with LANWT, spoke about the services LANWT offers. In the October meeting Michael Feit, founder of Feit Consulting spoke about the Evolution of Westlaw and Lexis. In November DALL collaborated with the DFW SLA chapter for a bowling party, and at the November meeting speaker Phil Rosenthal, co-founder of Fastcase bought us “Everything’s Bigger in Texas, Especially Data. Fastcase Update and the Future of Online Legal Research.” In December, we waived the usual holiday party and instead held a holiday luncheon. This was a huge success and was well attended.

Other timely and noteworthy programs were “How to Prevent Identity Theft and How to React if Your identity has Been Stolen” presented by attorney John Helms in January. In February, our guest speaker was Justice Kerry FitzGerald, Texas Fifth District Court of Appeals who spoke on “How to Prepare for Retirement.” In March, DALL members showed support for local high school students by volunteering at the Texas High School Mock Trial Competition, this was a two day event and DALL members showed support on both days by volunteering.

In October 2014, DALL members voted to adopt a change to the DALL Bylaws. The bylaws was amended to include a Retired Member class.

In April, DALL held its Annual Spring Institute, the half day program was a joint collaboration with the Dallas Public Library, and was hosted by the Dallas Public Library. The keynote speaker Alan Lowe, Director of the George W. Bush Library and Museum spoke on “How
Presidential Libraries Serve the Nation.” The programs covered two tracks, law libraries and public libraries. Presenters covered the following topics:

- Legal Reference for Public Librarians.
- Why Libraries are integral to Legal Appeal: The Lifecycle of an Appellate Case.
- Business Reference for Public Librarians.
- Spotlight on ADA Accessibility: Lessons from Opening a New Library.
- Whirlwind Tour: 30 Sites in 30 Minutes.

Overall, DALL had a productive year and will continue to promote law libraries and law librarianship.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Thomas

President, 2014 - 2015